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Angel, EA1QF, used an IC 720 with a mobile antenna for 2500 QSOs as C3OMF during September's operation

60/T5 SOMALIA

Baldur, DJ6SI, began operations as DJ6SI/T5 on the evening of 28 October, and was expected to leave on 4 November. QSL via his home call. Must operations were to be on cw, with operation on the new 10 Mc band as well as the usual cw DX frequencies.

SMOAGD PACIFIC DXPEDITION

Erik, SMOAGD, after his KH1/t31 operation, is now at Christmas Island, where he is operating as T32AJ. His Canton Islad stint finished up at about 19,200 QSOs. The last QSO from Canton was made at 1700Z on the 26th October.

KP2 AMERICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS

Richard King, K5NA, will be operating from Water Island from 23 November through 7 December. The call will be K5NA/KP2, with most operation on CW. The usual DX frequencies will be used, with a lot of CW. Richard also plans to go over to KV4FZ's QTH to use the big antenna for the ARRL 160 CW contest.

Water Island is administered by the Department of the Interior and not by the American Virgin Islands. At one time there was a move to have it added to the DXCC list, but it was not considered to meet the existing criteria, and the provision that might have allowed it has since been changed. However, it is a nice catch for the Islands on the Air Award. QSL K5NA/KP2 via W4JVN.

Also, Mickey Heimlich, N5AJW, operated from the Virgin Islands from 31 October through 7 November. QSL via his home call.

HL KOREA

Pete Pederson, N5TP, will be active over the next few weeks as HL9TP. Pete will be remembered for his operation from 191A back in the early '70's. The preferred mode is cw, especially check 40 meters. QSL via the home call.

LU5Z SOUTH SHETLANDS

LU2AH is reported to have just sent out 1,000 cards for the LU5ZI operation from the early part of this year.

A71 QATAR

Les, A71BJ, is on 10 meters often, and is a fairly recent addition to the A71 operators now active. QSL via G4HNP.

TJ CAMEROON

Jerry, N4JR, is now sending out the cards for his 1981 operation from the station of John, TJ1BB. When Jerry returned from Cameroon in July, 1982, he found a bunch of QSLs stored in his QSL manager's basement which hadn't been answered, and took them to his current assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan to answer them.

Tj1BB, John, is a Greek businessman who has lived in Cameroon for many years, and is currently one of only three licensed hams in the country. His activity has been curtailed in recent months due to business commitments.

When Jerry arrived in Cameroon, he applied for a TJ license, but it rapidly appeared that he would not be issued one. John allowed Jerry to use his shack to put the station on cw, since John worked mostly SSB. Jerry worked several thousand stations, going QRT when John had to go back to Greece for an extended stay. Jerry apologizes for the long delay with the cards, and says to look for him as VU2LIP in 1983.

OE1FF

Frank Friedl, OE1FF, long time DXer and frequent contributor to these pages, died on 3 October, 1982.

KL7 ALASKA

Dan, KL7Y, reports the following contest activity from KL7 during the next year:

CQ WW CW: AL7H, single op all band

KL7RA, single op all band

WL7E, multi-single

ARRL CW SS: WL7E ?

ARRL 10M: KL7Y CW
NL7P SSB

ARRL DX CW: NL7M multi-multi

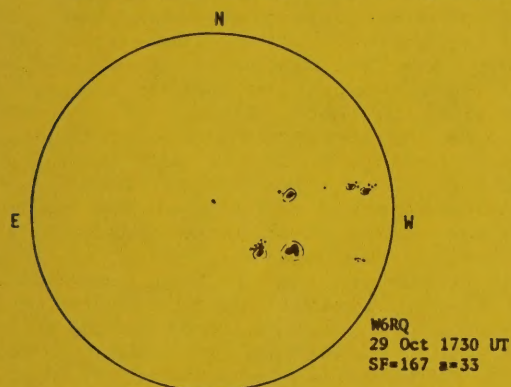
CQ WPX SSB KL7RA multi-multi

KL7Y's own multi-multi station should be ready by the 1983 CQ WW SSB.

Well, the Big Contest has come and gone once again, and this year gave some evidences of a downward trend in conditions. Ten meters stunk, although there was just as much DX there as in the past, while conditions on 80 were excellent, with RG6G coming through in broad daylight, although they didn't seem to be able to hear anyone. Dr. Ted sees things to be a little lower, with the N4XX Forecast as:

8 Nov High Norm	15 Nov High Norm
9 Nov Low Norm	16 Nov Low Norm
10 Nov Low to Below Norm	17 Nov High Norm
11 Nov High Norm	18 Nov High Norm
12 Nov Low Norm	19 Nov Above Norm
13 Nov Low Norm	20 Nov Above Norm
14 Nov Low Norm	21 Nov High to Low Norm

A1, W6RQ, shows the spots trickling away



Today has a classical picture of diminishing solar activity. All of the spot groups are in the west (the going-away) side, and no new spots show in the east. Solar Flux should be dropping rapidly.

What we felt was an insignificant M3 flare early on the 27th resulted in a geomagnetic storm late on the 29th - sorry about that. Someone up there doesn't like contests.

Lee, KH6BZF, got so tired preparing for the contest that he slept right through it. He awoke to file this report:

	SOLAR FLUX	EST SSN	ALPHA K Index	NOTES:
25 Oct	202	178	21/--/--	4
26 Oct	196	170	29/27/--	4
27 Oct	191	164	18/16/--	4
28 Oct	184	155	15/21/--	3
29 Oct	177	146	33/28/--	4
30 Oct	169	135	28/25/--	4
31 Oct	168	134	25/--/--	3
1 Nov	162	126	25/30/--	4
2 Nov	159	120	28/--/--	5

K index at 2100Z was 6

The geomagnetic storm prognosticated for the 24th through 26th occurred on the 26th and 27th, with minor storm levels and active conditions throughout the contest. The flux maximum expected on the 30th came early, with a peak on the 25th. The next minimum, if current solar activity remains the same, is expected between the 8th and the 11th.

The Solar Index Data Center in Brussels will report the October Ottawa mean flux number for October, 1982, to be 162.65, as compared to September's 165.9, August's 168.7, July's 160.5, June's 167.1, May's 144.7, April's 161.8, March's 210.5, and February's 214.2.

Best VHF DX days would be expected on 1-4 Nov, 11, 15-16, 20-21, 25-26, 27-30 Nov, 8 Dec, 19-21, 23-25, 27 Dec.

This week's thought from Rainbow Bay: "Try Gymnastics; you'll flip!!"

FEATURE

COMMENT

Last weekend's contest was one of the better examples of lousy conditions remembered in quite some time on the high bands, but on the lower bands, it served as a reminder of how good they will be sounding this winter. The chances of completing 5 Band WAZ are greatly increased now, and there should be a large number of recipients this year. The big surprise was hearin RG6G so well about an hour before sundown, but the path must not have been reciprocal as he didn't hear anyone.

The CQ WW SSB is kind of a big weekend out here. The group gathers together for a long weekend out on the hill in Rockwall, with sleeping on a first available spot basis, and eaating in shifts. Yes, there is a lot of operating done, but basically it reminds me a lot of the fishing trips that my dad and his friends with on when I was still a small child. Having friends around to celebrate when you crack a tough pile-up, or to share the feeling of an incredible moment when something unexpected shows up on the bands is one of the facets of multi-op operation that make it so enjoyable. Also, learning something new from a more experienced operator is another part of the multi operator experiences that can't be duplicated anywhere else. Without a doubt, I would recommend that anyone who wants to be a serious DXer or contestor team up with someone else to operate a contest. The sharing could add some new skills to all of the participants.

This year, a new thing was added to the operation, that of preparing the station. Needless to say, it took more time than anticipated, so this week's issue will be some what abbreviated. Back to full steam next week. In the meantime, keep those cards and letters rolling in. We could also use a few pictures if you have them.

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KCORW/VF2K	8 DEC	14 DEC
9MIA	15 DEC	1 JAN
KCSMA/VF2	23 NOV	7 DEC
KCAVA	22 NOV	15 NOV
9M677	8 NOV	15 NOV
KCAVA	15 NOV	22 NOV
KSNM/VF2	23 NOV	7 DEC

DATES	CONTEST
13-14 NOV	EU RTTY
27-28 NOV	CQ NW DX CW
3-5 DEC	APRIL 140 CW
4-5 DEC	TOPS 3,5HC CW CONTEST
4-5 DEC	SPANISH SSB
11-12 DEC	SPANISH CW
11-12 DEC	HONGKONG CW
11-12 DEC	APRIL 10M CONTEST
19 DEC	CANADA CONTEST

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